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**In the specification**

On page 1, after the title and before the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/908,042 filed July 18, 2001 entitled "Purification of Oligomers" by Brian S. Sproat, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/883,712 filed June 27, 1997.